



Ka whawhai tonu, ake, ake, ake!

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

It was great to see the large numbers of parents, grandparents and great-grandparents visiting our classrooms yesterday. Thanks to Lia Neumann and Lulu Cullen, our school council leaders for hosting our open day and well done to the kapa haka group for presenting 2 excellent songs. Last year we shared the event via streaming on Facebook so it was really good to be able to have it 'live' this year. There were very full classrooms after the short welcome and kapa haka performance, with students sharing their work and whanau helping out with the many activities that they were involved in. We hope everyone enjoyed the event. This will be our last newsletter for the term so we hope everyone has a good term break and our students get some downtime from busy school weeks. Welcome to our new pupil and family who have joined our school during the last fortnight: Isla Attwood.

END OF DAY PICK UPS AND COMMUNICATION

Please make sure you inform the school office or transport line monitors if you are taking your children early. There have been some instances where we have not been able to find students who should be on transport lines and buses have been delayed while we make phone calls to find out where they are. It is important parents communicate changes with the school office if they are different from the usual transport arrangement – this includes collecting children other than your own. Please also make sure students are not being dropped to school before 8am.

PARENT READING SUPPORT

Mrs Judy Jenkins, our reading recovery teacher provided advice and guidance, with a helpful booklet to a large number of parents before the PTA meeting last Monday night. Thank you to Judy for giving up her time and to other staff present that were able to also give practical advice. If you were not able to make it and would like a copy of the booklet for ideas to support your child's reading at home, please contact the school office.

RUMPELSTILTSKIN SHOW

On Monday the Wellington based NZ Playhouse presented a rendition of the Grimm's Fairy tale Rumpelstiltskin to the whole school. 3 actors did a great job of keeping everyone entertained in the story – an excellent example for our production next term, to see how the actors managed their performances. There was good audience involvement and a question and answer time at the end.

MATARIKI KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

Next Thursday 8 July our kapa haka group will be performing at Morningside School. Performance time is 11.20-11.45am. This is another opportunity for the group to perform at an event outside of our school and gives them good reason to practice. The group usually gets lots of support from parents on the day. Members of the group have brought home an information letter.

FIRST AID PROGRAMME

From today all students will be involved in first aid training with Mrs Joanne King from St John's, coming in to work with our classes. All classes will learn basic first aid and what to do in emergency situations – something that is really important to have.

TERM 3 TOPICS & EVENTS

Our first topic focus for next term will be the Olympics. We are planning to hold a school Olympics Day on Tuesday 3 August with the school in whanau team based countries, competing in a range of Olympic Fun based activities. Parents and whanau are welcome to come along and support the event. We are trying to hold it during the period the Olympics will be on so it is relevant to the world event. We will provide more information at the beginning of Term 3. From the Olympics students will be develop-

ing an inquiry into a country of their choice. This is part of our focus on countries around the world which will lead into our school production.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

Parent interviews will be held on 4/5 August, which is the second week of term. This will provide an opportunity to talk about student's reports going home at the end of term. Please make sure you receive this from your children next Friday.

SEE SAW APP PORTFOLIO WORK

Teachers have been sharing students work over the last few weeks to allow you to see what your children have been doing and how they are achieving in their learning. This is instead of the written samples that students have completed in the past. Please make sure you have downloaded the App so you can share in your children's work.

AGRICULTURE DAY

A reminder our Ag Day assembly is on Wednesday 7 July – 9am in the hall. We would like to encourage families to consider rearing a farm animal for our Ag Day this year. It is a unique experience for our students and you do not need a huge amount of land or space. We do have families in our school community who are willing to mentor new families and will support you to source animals and return them to farms if you need to. Chicken orders are due by Thursday 8th July. Parents are welcome to come along to our assembly to learn about caring for and training a farm animal. There is also some great support information available from the school and online.

SCHOOL COUNCIL TALENT QUEST

The final will now be held on Wednesday 7 July at 12.30pm, not Monday as previously planned as R8 are on tech next Monday. Students are able to watch the final if they bring a \$2 donation – this is to provide funding for the prize money. Good luck to all the contestants.

GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE – ACCESS TO PERIOD PRODUCTS

As part of this initiative Maungatapere School has ordered and received supplies of free period products. Students attending Maungatapere School are able to access products from the school office or their classroom teacher as required. Parents can also access products for their daughters from the school office.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Case Worsfold and His team "Whangarei Boys High School" for coming 2nd in the Secondary Schools Readers cup for Northland and also 2nd in the Secondary School Lit Quiz

SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following pupils:

Elisha Schimanski Rm3 - For listening carefully and following instructions. Plus always putting 100% effort into her work.

Lincon Bon Rm4 - Outstanding effort in all areas of learning.

Chantel Muller Rm9 - For being a helpful and supportive member of Room 9.

Shayla Walker Rm13 - Outstanding work ethic in all tasks. Absolute role model in Room 13!

Pepper Frecklington Rm2 - For stepping out of her comfort zone with a positive attitude! Well done Pepper!

Jackson Fidler Rm5 - Working hard at school and at home with your learning.

Annalise McDonald Rm9 - For being focussed and dedicated to your learning.

TERM CALENDAR

Mon 26 July	-	First day of Term 3
Wed 04 Aug	-	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thur 05 Aug	-	Parent Teacher Interviews

REMINDERS

Y7/8 Camp Fundraiser - There will be a cake stall next Tuesday 6 July at morning tea. Y6,7,8 students are asked to bring something along to sell – cakes, muffins, slices etc. Prices will be \$1 or \$2 per piece with money made going to the 2022 Y7/8 camp to Rotorua.

School Lunches - The PTA have organised this through Lunch Online. Lunch orders are available on Wednesdays and Fridays. A range of foods is available on Wednesday and Sushi on Friday. These are delivered to school for lunch eating time and students collect them from the hall. A small percentage of the orders comes back to the school and helps support school events such as the NZ Playhouse show we had this week.

Teacher PUMS - Teachers will be involved in Paid Union Meetings tomorrow 2 July. School will be open as usual but teachers will be sharing classes for part of the day to allow everyone to attend a meeting in either the morning or the afternoon.

ERO Student Wellbeing Survey - Last year our Y4-8 students participated in a short wellbeing survey about how they have managed the last year with learning from home and Covid 19. They have asked us to complete a follow up survey and students and teachers are participating in this to provide further information which will be shared with us.

Mountain View Rest Home - Each week a small group of our students visit the rest home across the road and share work, art, learning, stories etc with some of the residents. The Diverisional Therapist at Mountain View has worked with the residents to make "Lip Balms of Kindness to apply as needed to help you smile". The idea is to leave these in places where others can discover them and enjoy the random act of kindness. Some of our students who have visited the rest home this year have received a lip balm to put in plain sight somewhere. An information sheet went home with the lip balm and we hope our students were able to find a place to share it. They would love a photo on their Facebook page also - A great wellbeing idea!

Lost Property - Lost property will be out in front of rooms 1 & 2 all of next week. Please come and have a look. Unclaimed lost property will be sent to needy families during the school holidays.

Board of Trustees Meeting - Next meeting is 18th August at 7pm in the Staffroom.

PTA - Ladies Night Event The Maungatapere PTA would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all the local businesses that very kindly and generously donated spot prizes and treats for the goodie bags for our fabulous Ladies Night Event last weekend. The event was a great success, selling out and having 50 of our fabulous school mums and caregivers mixing and mingling enjoying delicious food and lots of laughs! Keep an eye out for our next event. The next PTA meeting is Monday 9 August.

ROOM 7 WRITING

OLYMPIC SPECIAL ISSUE THE TIMES

Giraffes headed for gold

19th May 2021

South African Olympic diving team, 'Giraffes' prepare for this year's Tokyo Olympics.



At practice on Wednesday 17th May, divers showed off their skills to our newspaper team and performed a number of armstand dives, back dives and somersaults which team captain, Greg Tallneck, says they are still perfecting for the games. Team coach, Ernie Acacia, shared that they are very grateful for the donations from the local 'Height Doesn't Matter' charity, to go towards building this Olympic sized pool at the community pools in Savannah Valley, South Africa.

In an interview with the diving team following a regular practice, the team shared they were confident for this year's games and gold was theirs to take. "All of us have been working our necks off to be at these games and we're ready for the win," stated team captain, Greg Tallneck. Rival team, 'Hippos' keep their distance and continue their practises in isolation, hoping for the best against these very skilled mammals.

Reporter Georgia and her team were impressed by the team's excellent efforts and wished them all the best for the upcoming games at this year's Tokyo Olympics.



IOC ban tennis champ Lucy Gazelle from Tokyo Olympics
Full story pages 23-24

Cheetahs beat Leopards 18-5
Full story pages 7-8

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Mangakahia Hawks Basketball Club - See attached flyer for Junior Club night starting this Friday 2nd July.

Tauraroa Open Day - Wednesday 4th August. Come and experience a day at TAS! Choose your own activities, talk to other students, meet some teachers and experience what we have to offer.

Mangakahia Squash Club - are running a one day Kiwi Squash programme on Wednesday 14th July. Pitched for beginners age 5-9. A fun introduction to the skills and game of Squash. limited spaces available. From 9-3pm @ Mangakahia Sports Complex. More information and to Register contact Hayley Taylor 0212621674 or hayleybethtaylor@gmail.com

Matariki Pahū Ahi – Fireworks Display & Movie Night - Celebrate Matariki with a whānau friendly movie screening of Moana (PG) starting at 4.30pm followed by a spectacular fireworks show at 6.45pm at Semenoff Stadium, Okara Drive. Gates open at 4pm. Event finishes at 7pm

Miniball Term 3 & 4 - online registration link below. Spaces are limited. <https://forms.gle/6XV23m3KB2svpQu79>

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